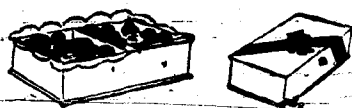


Merry Christmas—1927



Candy



WE HAVE JUST ADDED TO OUR PACKAGE LINE OF CHOCOLATES THE

Bunt's Chocolates

Famous the World Over
"OH MY" BUT THEY ARE FINE
None Better

If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded.

ALSO PACKED IN CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

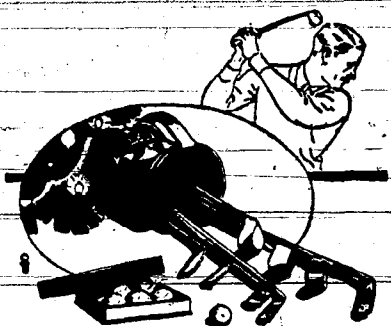
The Ideal Gift TRY THEM NOW

Ice Cream



SPECIAL BRICK AS WELL AS BULK ICE CREAM
WE WILL DELIVER IT THE TIME YOU WILL SERVE IT

CALL 1054



How about a Nice Piano!

THIS WILL MAKE AN IDEAL XMAS GIFT, ONE THE FAMILY MAY ENJOY FOR YEARS TO COME

CAN BE BOUGHT ON EASY TERMS

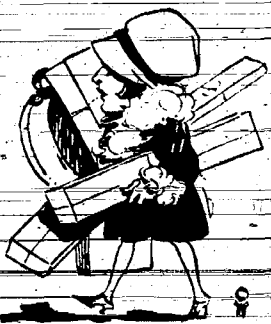
MANDOLINS PHONOGRAPHS



FOUNTAIN PENS AND PENCILS SETS OR SEPARATE

WE CARRY CONKLIN AND PARKERS

Look them over now while the stock is complete



Sporting Goods

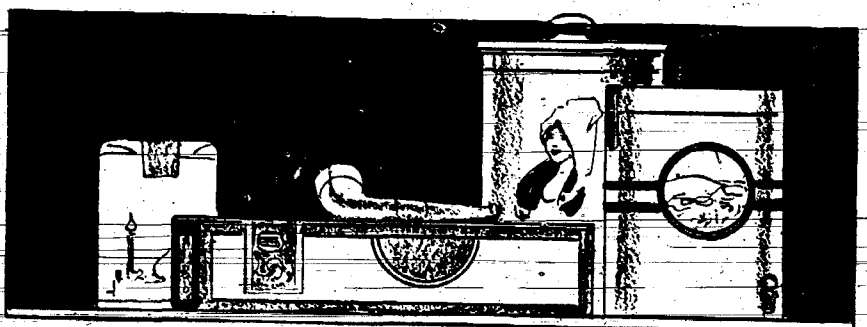
Make an Ideal Gift FOR THE OLD AND YOUNG

Base Balls
Base Ball Gloves and Mitts
Skates
Skiis
Pocket Knives
Hunting Knives
Boy Scout Knives
Fish Rods
Reel
Lines
Flies
Golf Clubs
Bags and Balls
Hockey Sticks and Pucks
Safety Razors

Radios

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEW SONORA

IF NOT YOU HAVE MISSED ONE OF THE BEST COME IN AND HEAR IT NOW



Smokers' Articles

ARE ALWAYS GIFTS THAT ARE APPRECIATED

Pipes Cigar Holders
Cigarette Holders
Cigars in Boxes
Smoking in 1Lb. & 1/2Lb. sizes
Tobacco Pouches

XMAS CANDIES FOR YOUR TREE

Olaf Sorenson & Sons

Sportsmen's Headquarters

GRAYLING, MICH.

PHONE 1054

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1927

Gifts for all ages at the L. J. Kraus Hardware.

Sale at the Economy Store will continue until Dec. 24th.

T. E. Douglas, local Nash dealer has taken over the agency for Stewart trucks along with his Nash line.

Mrs. Tolfree, wife of John Tolfree, well-known banker of West Branch passed away Monday at her home following a stroke of paralysis. The Tolfree's are old residents of Ogemaw county.

There will be a Christmas dancing party Thursday evening, December 22nd at Temple Theatre. Music by the International Five, better known as McEwen's orchestra. Everybody welcome.

The children up to 12 years old of St. Mary's parish will be guests of the Altar society at the American Legion hall next Tuesday evening at a Christmas party. There will be games and other entertainment.

Former patrons of the Finnish bath house, will be glad to know that it has been reopened for business at the home of Adam Hirdeline on the South Side. Mr. Hirdeline has had the bath house all repaired and remodeled and installed some new fixtures.

Don't forget Dr. Davis' health talk at the High school auditorium, Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th. Dr. Davis is director of hygiene, of the State Department of Health, Lansing. The lecture will start at 7:30 and is free.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Jarmin are enjoying a visit from the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jarmin of Bay City, who arrived yesterday and will be their guests for several days.

Call in and look over our Holiday goods. L. J. Kraus Hardware.

Save by paying your taxes before January 10th, as at that time the fee will be 4% instead of 1%.

Alfred Hanson, Township Clerk.

Celebrate the yuletide season by attending the Christmas dancing party at the Temple theatre, Thursday evening, December 22. The International Five will play.

Mrs. Carl Englund and Mrs. Axel Peterson entertained the ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary society on Wednesday p. m. The topic for discussion, the early missionary efforts of the church, was ably presented by Mrs. T. L. Peterson.

The ladies of the Bridge Club were guests of Mrs. C. R. Keyport Saturday afternoon at a very lovely luncheon. The long table was beautifully decorated with a silver basket filled with baby breaths. Mrs. Robert Reagan held the high score for bridge.

Mrs. J. K. Hanson was a guest of the club.

William Leng has purchased the John Parsons store building at Frederic, the deal being closed last Saturday. Mr. Parsons has operated an up-to-date general store in Frederic for years, and enjoyed a fine trade. He is closing out his stock and Mr. Leng intends to turn the building into a garage.

At the regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary at the American Legion hall Tuesday evening the annual election of officers took place, the following having been chosen to fill the various offices: President, Mrs. Wilfred Laurant; first vice president, Mrs. Neil Matthews; second vice president, Miss Anna Peterson; secretary, Mrs. Emil Niederer; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Sorenson; chaplain, Mrs. Leo Jorgenson; sergeant-at-arm, Mrs. Adolph Peterson. Following the business session, a delicious pot luck lunch was served, this feature being in honor of Mrs. Laurant, who was presented with a beautiful wedding gift from the members of the Auxiliary.

Don't miss the Christmas dance at the Temple Thursday evening, December 22.

Make Christmas really merry by buying Christmas seals and spreading good health.

Save by paying your taxes before January 10th, as at that time the fee will be 4% instead of 1%.

Alfred Hanson, Township Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hermann of Lansing spent the week end here, Mr. Hermann returning Monday. Mrs. Hermann will assist in the Post Office during the Xmas rush.

The local High school debating team met defeat at the hands of the Standish High school team at the latter place last Friday evening. Grayling upheld the affirmative side of the question.

Edore LaBrash has opened a ready-to-wear store in the building on U. S. 27 at the corner of Ogemaw and Cedar streets, where he is offering some real bargains. Read his ad. on another page of this issue and see what he is offering.

The final rehearsal of the Christmas program to be given by the primary department of the Michigan Memorial Sunday school will take place Wednesday afternoon, December 21st, after school instead of Monday as at first planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hendrie are in Maple Ridge owing to the death of the latter's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gothro and Mrs. L. J. Kraus motored to Maple Ridge to be in attendance at the funeral, that was to be held today.

With the approach of the holiday season comes the pleasure of making plans for the annual Charity ball, which this year will take place on Thursday evening, December 20th. Everything points to a very pretty party and for enjoyment this affair is always one of the most pleasant of the winter season. The tickets are \$1.50 per couple, which includes lunch. The orchestra, the Lambert-Whitney Red Stripes of Owosso are sure to please. Buy your tickets now.

St. Mary's Altar society gave a house warming for Mrs. Wilfred Laurant Saturday evening, leaving her kitchen well supplied with kitchen utensils of every description. The evening was enjoyed playing 500, Mrs. Charles Tromble and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy holding the high scores and Mrs. Marius Hanson receiving congratulations. A pot luck lunch served at a late hour closed a very pleasant evening.

Fire starting from a defective chimney destroyed the rear part of the A. L. Foster house on Peninsular avenue Saturday evening. The building at the time of the fire was occupied by the Hans L. Peterson family, and their loss was placed at between \$300 and \$400. The loss on the building was estimated at \$800, all of which was covered by insurance. The Peterson family are staying at the home of Chris Peterson until they can find suitable quarters to move into.

A truck load of Christmas trees that looked as though it would reach across the street left Grayling this noon for Lansing, having been scheduled to arrive in that city for delivery tonight. R. E. Dean is the dealer and he has been in Grayling the past three weeks gathering trees for shipment. The truck that conveyed the load was a Mason truck and it was attached a 45 foot trailer. In the load were 563 trees, one 30-foot tree, 60 twelve-foot trees, 2 fourteen footers and 500 trees six to eight feet. Mr. Dean said that at three o'clock this morning he shipped a truck load of 290 trees to the same place.

Tonight the third annual Chevrolet banquet of this district, division No. 1 will be held at Shoppington Inn. It is expected that Chevrolet dealers from Alpena, Lincoln, Tawas City, East Tawas, Standish, West Branch, Roscommon, Gaylord, Clare, Cadillac and Grayling will be present for the affair. This is known as the Turkey Bean banquet, which is held each autumn in one of the cities of the district and those having the highest sales of the year get the turkey and the losers get the beans, however all will eat turkey tonight. There will be some of the Chevrolet officials of the district present and no doubt it will be a very nice affair. This is put on by the Chevrolet people.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Junior play, "Headstrong Joan" which was given Friday night at the High school auditorium, was a great success. The play was largely attended both in the afternoon, when a matinee for the school children was held, and evening. The proceeds netted the Juniors \$50.

The scene of the play took place in a country village fifty miles from Boston, where Jim Day a prosperous merchant, resided with his aged mother. The part of Jim Day was taken by Elmer Fenton, the remainder of the cast was as follows:

Aura Vernon—A School teacher
Richard Randall—Jim Day's Foster son
Granny Day—Jim Day's aged mother
Dorothy May
Honora—The Irish housekeeper
Margaret Larson
Rosie—One of Aura's pupils
Corrine Sheldon
Able—A peddler
Wheeler
Ikke—His son
Donald Kuivenen
Jack Day—Jim Day's son
Stanley
Joan—Van Pelt—Sailing under false colors
Every member of the cast took their parts well. Able the peddler, which part was played by Theodore Wheeler and his son Ikke, played by Donald Kuivenen, kept the audience laughing. Miss Stinchcomb, class advisor, who directed the play, deserves much credit for the splendid success of it.

An Englishman says that British women are growing prattier all the time. This isn't true of the American girls. There isn't any room for improvement.



The Christmas Store

Gifts for Everybody

Toys of all kinds. A nice line of those that perform after being wound up.

Dolls, tables and chairs, doll buggies.

Wagons and tricycles.

Sleds and Skiis. Something new—Hockey Sticks.

Our line of tree trimmings is most complete, in fact the nicest and largest line we have ever had.

Wrapping paper, tags, cards and cords to tie parcels with.

Fancy dishes and novelties for the ladies.

Don't forget we have a full line of Christmas candy.

E. E. BUGBY

NOTION STORE



Now Enjoys Eating, Thanks His Wife

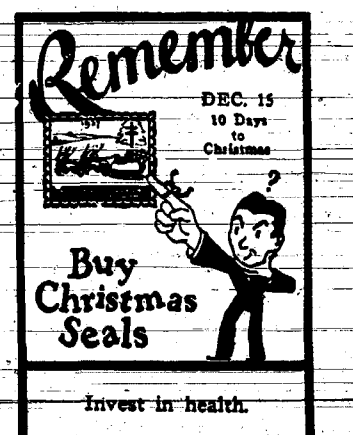
"For years I suffered with stomach trouble. Then, my wife got me to take Adlerika. Today, I feel fine and eat what I like!"—Wm. Opp. Adlerika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowel, it removes old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Let Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see how much better you will feel. It will surprise you! Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

The number of automobiles is increasing by leaps and bounds and pedestrians are surviving the same way. —Arkansas Gazette.

FOUND—A child's home knit mitten for the left hand. Owner call at Avalanche office for it.

FOR RENT—Light, housekeeping rooms, bedroom heated. Call at the Avalanche office. eg

It is estimated that there are 5,000,000 illiterates in the United States, and, strange to say, not more than 2,000,000 of them are writing popular songs. —Louisville Times.



Turkeys

Chickens and Meats

for Christmas

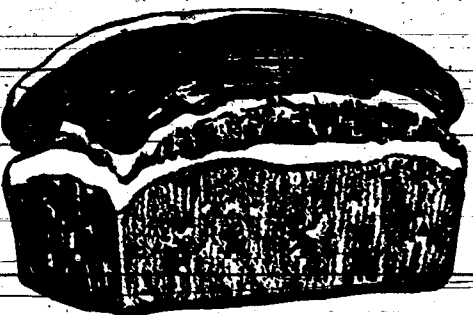
Bring your Christmas dinner meats needs to us to supply. We can promise you prompt service, choicest meats the market affords, and prices unusually low.

John Huber Market

Phone 126

Please put your orders in early.

Have You Tried Our New Loaf?



And you will like our Pies, too.

We have just taken over the Cassidy Bakery

and we want the people to come in and try our baked goods.

Specials—Salt Rising Bread Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Danish Rolls Tuesdays and Fridays.

Ask your dealer for Blue Bird Bread. If he hasn't got it, come to the Bakery. You will find our Fresh Cakes and Fried Cakes to be fine.

MODEL BAKERY

A. R. CRAIG, Prop.

Phone 162

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



"Our civilization rests at bottom on the wholesomeness, the attractiveness, the completeness, as well as the prosperity, of life in the country"—Theodore Roosevelt.

Good Sign, Good News.

To those who have wondered if there would ever come a time when it could be definitely said: "This is a bushel of No. 1 potatoes," "This is a ton of No. 1 hay," "This is a pound of No. 1 honey," "This is a dozen of standard eggs," etc., through the many commodities that we are obliged to buy, and think we are going to get a certain quality of goods; and find that we get an inferior quality, only to be told that it is a matter of difference of opinion between buyer and seller.

Days of Shyster and Cheat Numbered. The days of the produce cheat, shyster, and cheat are numbered. Drawing to a close. State inspectors are constantly traveling about the state, testing scales and measures. The United States Department of Agriculture has for several years been working on the determination

of what shall be legal standards and grades for many commodities of common sale and purchase. After much investigation and many conferences it has been determined what shall be a pound of good butter, cheese, cotton, tobacco, poultry, etc., through a long list.

This effort of the U. S. Department of Agriculture has enabled buyer and seller, in all parts of the United States, to speak a common language, as it were. Now, when we speak of a bushel of U. S. No. 1 potatoes, for instance, it means definite things that are specifically mentioned in the regulations. When a car of hay is sold as U. S. No. 1, timothy, there are definite characteristics that that hay must possess, or the seller is liable for fraud.

Circular No. 8

Write to Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and ask for Circular No. 8, "National Standards for Farm Products," and you will receive a 50-page pamphlet on the subject. Or, better, write your representative in Congress addressing him

as: "Hon. Roy O. Woodruff, Washington, D. C., House of Representatives," and ask for the above circular. He can help you get many others, also.

Pork and Tater Recipes
The "Michigan Farmer" recently stated that, to anyone who would send five cents each, to cover the cost of mailing to Martha Cole, Desk M. "Michigan Farmer", Detroit, Michigan, they would send a bulletin on "How to Preserve Meats," and "Tested Recipes for Michigan serve potatoes in more than fifty ways."

Swine Bulletin Going Good
I have had to send to the college again and again for new supplies of the short, helpful bulletin on "Swine Feeding," as so many of our farmers ask for copies.

This bulletin of only 12 pages certainly contains a lot of ideas on successful swine feeding. It shows just the right ration to use for pigs 30 to 50 pounds in weight; for those from 50 to 100 pounds; for those 100 to 150 pounds; for hogs 150 to 225 pounds; rations for sows with nursing pigs; rations for mature sows.

The author states that there is nothing gained by slow feeding and growing; but that it is a more expensive way; that a hog should gain 1 1/2 pounds a day; that a supply of minerals should be kept before swine at all times.

One mineral mixture is made up in the proportion of wood ashes; 10 pounds; acid phosphate, 10 pounds; salt, 1 pound. The county agent can tell you where to get the acid phosphate.

You may have a copy of this bulletin if you want.

Home-Made Lime Sower
The Department of Farm Mechanic at our Agricultural College worked out plans for a home-made lime sower, several years ago.

The department has steadily improved these plans, and allows anyone who wishes to copy the pattern, and to make their own lime sower. I secured a few copies of the bulletin, above, showing the dimensions of the sower and just how to make one.

It hooks onto the rear end of the wagon box, does not injure box nor wagon, and can be made this winter by any handy farmer who would like to save the \$45 to \$50 that factory-made spreaders cost.

Crawford County Farm Names
Already some of our neighbors have selected farm names. We print this list as a starter, not claiming that it is absolutely without omission. We hope to hear soon from those whose names are omitted. We think it is altogether too modest for a farmer to say, when asked to name the farm: "I'll name it when I get things looking better." Name the farm and live up to the name.

Cosmopolitan Farm—E. J. Richards
Wentworth Farm—Richard Babbitt
Bonnie Brae—H. A. McMillan
Edgewater-on-AuSable—Mrs. John G. Stephan, Sr.
Woodlawn Farm—Wm. A. Dixon
Oak Grove Farm—Charles Corwin
Edgewood Farm—A. J. Nelson
Oak Ridge Farm—Elmer Ostrander

Wash-keda—Dan Babbitt
Birchwood Farm—R. Stevens
Killarney Farm—Myrtle J. Wright
Longview Farm—John Floeter
Willow Valley Farm—Wm. Floeter
South Branch Ranch—Harry Souders

Level Acres—O. B. Scott
County Line Farm—John McGillis
Maple Grove Farm—George Annis
Beechwood Farm—Andrew Mortenson
Pine Crest Farm—John R. Skingsley

Pleasant Valley Farm—Mrs. John Love and Wm. Love
Maple Isle Farm—H. J. Heldemann
The Evergreens—Hugo Schreiber, Jr.

Beaver Brook Farm—George Wolf
Pinehurst Farm—L. B. Merrill
Wildwood Farm—Alfred Mephey
Evergreen Farm—Joe Duby
Pine Grove Farm—Mrs. Jesse Duffell
Wayside Garden Farm—Theodore Leslie

Go to Your Printer
Go to your printer and arrange for the printing of at least 200 sheets of good paper with 100 envelopes with the farm name on each in small, tasty type.

Christmas Present
Make the farm a Christmas present of a good name. Make the husband or wife a Christmas present of an outfit of good stationery bearing the farm name.

The County agent is willing to assist in the selection of good names for farms.

Why Name the Farm?
Why name the farm? What good will it do? Why might answer this question by asking another: Since we name our horses and our cows, why not name our homes? Our homes; and especially our farm homes which seem almost a sacred spot, screened from a sometimes all-too-curious world, become to us more than merely so many acres. They seem almost a part of ourselves, especially if we, or our fathers, have lived long upon the same spot. Or, if we are a young couple, is establishing a new home. As they plan and plan, and pay, unconsciously but surely working into the place their own personalities, it is natural and well that they should come to want to give it a name, that it may mean still more to them, and as the years go by, to theirs.

There are many reasons why the farm should have a name. The farm name, promoter of pride, appeals to the sentiment, lends dignity, fosters individuality, is valuable as a means of identification, and is a real business asset.

It is surprising how rapidly and how generally farm names become known. The public is quick to familiarize itself with these names, especially if the owner puts on the barn or front fence, or on the front gate, a neat sign bearing the farm name, as we see a few in our county. "Elm View Farm," on the arch over the front gate on the Wm. G. Feldhauser farm certainly appeals to the eye.

Somewhere, on every box, basket, crate, package, can of milk or cream, package of butter or cottage cheese, should be stamped, stenciled or printed the farm name. If, for instance, a farmer is working to build up a trade in country hams, somewhere on

each ham or on the package in which it is delivered, the farm name should be printed or stenciled. The same is true of choice eggs or butter. This is especially true in Crawford County in which our farmers have such a good chance to supply the large number of tourists and resorters.

We have no doubt that select goods, put up in neat packages, bearing the farm name, would bring more sales to tourists and resorters in summer, but would open up large winter sales by parcel post to these same people.

Choosing the Farm Name
Taste and ability should be shown in choosing the farm name. It should be appropriate and express beauty, dignity and individuality. Never should it be such as to cheapen the place. Those who named their farms "Grindstone Ridge" or "Possum Hollow" did not strain their thinkers very hard. The name should dignify and endear. "Home Acres" or "Midlebrook" would have been better. A family named Shipp cleverly named their cottage on Otsego Lake "The Moorings." Another cottager there gracefully named her summer home "Heart's Desire." "Larkins Keep-sake Farm" is widely known in southwestern Michigan as the home of the Larkins family for several generations.

Advertising the Farm
We never knew a family to select an appropriate name for the farm without feeling new pride in that farm, and in the behavior of the family. All of us farmers should not only put up a neat farm sign, but should have envelopes and letter paper bearing the farm name in small seats, refined type. We have seen farm letter heads that were fairly coarse and blatant on account of type selected being more suitable for auction-bills. Having envelopes and papers neatly printed with the farm name, the postoffice and the proprietor's name is not "too tony" nor "too fine haired." It denotes self-respect.

Write and more we farmers need to advertise our farms. Write well, choose stationery. Such letters denote the man more than some think. A farmer is a manufacturer. Other manufacturers would not last long if their advertising letters looked like some that we farmers send out.

The writer of this column has, more than once, refused to look farther in the merits of blooded pigs, cows, bulls, refiners and calves as well as seed grains, because of the appearance of the man on the street, his team and wagon or of his letter. One knows instinctively that a man whose appearance is such, or if his rig is such, or his correspondence is so slovenly, cannot possibly have anything of real quality to sell.

GOODBYE OLD TROLLEY CAR
By Erwin Greer
(President Greer School of Electrical and Automotive Trades, Chicago, Ill.)

If you see a street car galloping down the track some evil day with an airplane propeller in front, a submarine periscope on top, an anchor at the back and the motor man wearing a "don't ask 'What's the matter with the motor?'" This strange creature may be a new development in local transportation.

There is a new transportation creation that will be let out of its cage soon. It is a double-deck gasoline-electric bus. The six-cylinder gasoline engine under the hood runs an electric generator. The generator supplies power to two electric motors which drive the rear wheels. Gear shifting is eliminated and speed is gradually and smoothly increased by pressure on a foot-pedal.

The bus will be given a thorough test. It remains to be seen what it will do. It may be the cat's whiskers and again it may be the elephant's eyebrows. Anyway, it indicates the willingness of the companies to keep pace with the latest developments of the transportation industry.

France and Great Britain are far in advance of all other European countries in motor bus transportation, and between them account for 70 per cent of all the busses in Europe. Paris and London are naturally the great centers of bus traffic. It being estimated that there are 20,000 busses in Paris and 10,000 in London. The traffic problem in London, because of the motor busses has become a most difficult one. More busses are needed to handle the enormous passenger traffic but at the same time each additional bus helps to increase the congestion.

Great Britain's motor-bus service now practically covers the entire country, it being possible to traverse length and breadth of the island without once resorting to other means of transport. French development of the bus service, aided by public encouragement and government subsidies, has also been remarkable.

American-made busses are very much in evidence in Sweden, accounting for about 9 per cent of the total number in operation. From a report from Spain, a study of the report reveals the motor bus is coming to the fore as a means of transport. In some countries the large railroads are making use of it as part of their feeder systems. London, the second city of Northern Ireland, has completely abandoned its street cars and replaced them with motor busses. The American chassis, principally of the lighter type, is found in practically all European countries. Most of these countries, however, find it more economical to have the bus bodies manufactured locally. The American de-

ture bus has not yet made its appearance in Europe on a larger scale.

Works Hard, Dances, Gains 3 Lbs a Week

"I work hard, dance and have gained 8 pounds a week since taking Vinol." Mrs. F. Lang.
Vinol is a delicious compound of cod liver, grapefruit, iron, etc. Nervous, easily tired, anemic people are surprised how Vinol gives new pep, sound sleep and a BIG appetite. The very first bottle often adds several pounds weight to thin children or adults. Tastes delicious. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

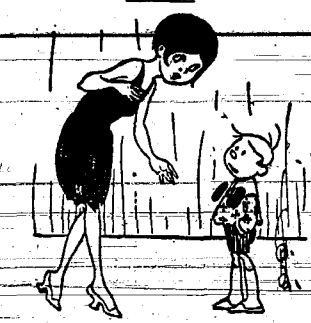
Of course no candidate wants to be drafted for office. Why not soften it a little by using the word conscription?

NEW PICK-UP



He—My new car has a wonderful "pick up."
She—Yeh! I saw you with a strange girl today.

SAD CASE OF LOVE



Sister—Do you love me more than anyone else, Bobbie?
Bobbie—Sure.
Sister—Then go out when Tom calls tonight.
Bobbie—Then you don't love me as much as I love you.

CHANGED HER MIND



Miss Gassaway (highly informed and talkative)—As I have tried to convince you before, Mrs. Blank, may never descend from a dumb animal. Mrs. Blank—I used to think he did, Miss Gassaway, but I've changed my belief since I met you.

NOT LIKELY NOTICED



Reggie—By Jove, I simply laughed my head off.
Miss Sharpe—Well, don't say anything about it and nobody will suspect you've had such an accident, Mr. Sapp.

SOFT JOB



"What does he do?"
"He's employed as traveling companion to Reggie Capp."

DOUBTING HIS JUDGMENT



Sire—Remember, my son, in all your feelings honesty is the best policy.
Son—But, dad, have you tried it enough to be sure?

Only True Happiness

FOUNDATION OF HAPPINESS IS THE ONLY solid foundation of all happiness, for which power, rank or whatever is the common acceptance of the word, is supposed to constitute happiness, will never quiet, much less cure, the inward pangs of guilt.—Lord Chesterfield.

Buy 2 pkts. KOTEX and get one FREE. Price for deal 98c.—Central Drug Store.

RICHMOND'S LIVER ELIXIR

GREAT BLOOD-LIVER CORRECTOR

TRY IT!

DOSE ONE TEASPOONFUL

HARTFORD & FARMINGTON, CONN.

GRAND RAPIDS

Price 50 Cents

For Sale by

MAC & GIDLEY

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 5th day of December A. D. 1927.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Peter Jensen, deceased.

Annie Sorenson Administratrix having filed in said Court her final and annual account as such Administratrix of said estate, and her petition praying for the allowance thereof.

It is ordered, that on Tuesday the third day of January A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account.

Notice thereof to be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avancee, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a conveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned of the County in which the land lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commenced.

Description of Land:

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

County of Crawford,

The south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, town 25N., range 3W. Amount paid: \$21.25, tax for year 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$3.36 tax for year 1923.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$3.04 tax for year 1924.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$2.43 tax for year 1925.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$2.93 tax for year 1926.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$38.61 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Olaf Ogren, Place of business, Roscommon, Michigan.

To Frank Elliott, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Troy Land Company, last grantee under State Homestead tax deed, appearing of record in said registry of deeds.

Lyman Dewey, mortgages named in all undischarged recorded mortgages.

12-8-3

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a conveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commenced.

Description of Land:

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

County of Crawford,

The south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, town 25N., range 3W. Amount paid: \$21.25, tax for year 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$3.36 tax for year 1923.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$3.04 tax for year 1924.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$2.43 tax for year 1925.

Paid as condition of purchase: \$2.93 tax for year 1926.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$38.61 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Olaf Ogren, Place of business, Roscommon, Michigan.

To Frank Elliott, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

Troy Land Company, last grantee under State Homestead tax deed, appearing of record in said registry of deeds.

Lyman Dewey, mortgages named in all undischarged recorded mortgages.

12-8-4

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

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Description of Land:

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

County of Crawford,

Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Sec. 28, Town 25N., Range 2W. Amount paid: \$6.38, tax for year 1923.

East 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Sec. 28, Town 25N., Range 2W. Amount paid: \$4.60, tax for year 1923.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$31.98 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Enoch W. Turner, Place of business, Roscommon, Michigan.

To Charles Reed, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records of the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

James T. Utter holder of tax deed interest and Walmer Jorgenson, grantee under the tax deed issued by the Auditor General for the latest year's taxes appearing of record in said registry of deeds.

12-8-4

ORDER ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF ACT 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1925, PROHIBITING THE USE OF A SPEAR IN TAKING FISH FROM ANY TROUT STREAM WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE STATE.

County of Ingham
The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation relative to fishing conditions in the State, recommends certain regulations.

THEREFORE, the Conservation Commission by authority of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925, hereby orders that it shall be unlawful to use a spear in taking any kind of fish from the rivers and streams within the boundaries of the State, excepting from such rivers and streams designated or to be designated as non-trout streams by the Conservation Commission, for a period of five years from January 1st, 1928, under penalties provided by Section 5 of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925.

Signed, sealed and ordered published this third day of November, 1927.

George R. Hogarth

Acting Director

Department of Conservation.

Conservation Commission by:

Howard B. Bloomer, Chairman.

J. Russell Jontz, Secretary.

12-8-3

ORDER ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF ACT 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1925, REGULATING FISHING IN THE INLAND LAKES OF THE STATE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL 1928.

County of Ingham
The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation of fishing conditions in the inland lakes of the State, recommends certain regulations.

THEREFORE, the Conservation Commission by authority of Act 230 of the Public Acts of 1925, hereby orders that for a period of five years from the first day of April, 1928, until the fifteenth day of June, inclusive, of each year, it shall be unlawful to take any kind of fish in any manner from the inland lakes of the State, excepting Lake St. Clair, which is one of the connecting waters between Lake Huron and Lake Erie, under penalties provided by Section 5, Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1925.

Signed, sealed and ordered published this third day of November, 1927.

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12-8-3

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County, on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1927.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Edward S. Houghton deceased.

Blanche Houghton having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration and settlement of said estate be granted to said Blanche Houghton or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the third day of January A. D. 1928, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avancee, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

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donkey and the eagle seem to be traveling toward extinction.

Pittsburgh scientists exhibited the picture "The Gorilla" to an audience of monkeys and were disappointed because the monkeys did not get excited. Why so? The audience could see all the monkeys it wanted to at home.

A runaway taxicab created a lot of excitement in Broadway the other evening. But a taximeter running away is quite a common sight.

There is something about that alliance of Italy and Albania that seems to remind us of the cat and the canary.

There is one thing to be said in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment. Everybody knows it is there.

There are said to be 32,000 bars in Paris. Wonder where they got all the brass railings?

jewelry business in six months. Is that right?

Ishbrand—"Well, it's all right but the details."

Charles—"What do you mean, the details?"

Ishbrand—"Just this. In the first place it wasn't Kenneth it was Kendal and he didn't go to Chicago, he went to Cheboygan. And it wasn't the jewelry business, it was the Real estate business and it wasn't six months, it was six weeks and he didn't make forty thousand dollars, he lost it."

Kieth W.—"I slept like a log last night."

Mutt—"Yes, like a log with a saw going through it."

The pessimist reminds us that the lily belongs to the onion family, while the optimist reminds us that the onion belongs to the lily family.

Frederic School Notes

Editor—Mary Bender
Assistant—Doris Corsaut.

As a Man Thinketh

"If you think you are beaten, you are."

"If you think you dare not, you don't."

"If you'd like to win but think you can't!"

"It's almost certain you won't!"

"If you think you'll lose, you've lost."

For out in the world we find Success begins with a fellow's will."

"It's all in the state of mind."

"Life's battles don't always go to the strongest or fastest man!"

"But soon or late the man that wins is the one who thinks he can."

We are all busy getting ready for semester "exams". The Physics class has been reviewing all of the work from the beginning of the book. They made a special study of music last week.

The teachers have the "holiday" spirit and are making arrangements for a Christmas program to be given December 23rd. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend.

A representative from Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, gave an interesting talk to the Senior class Wednesday morning.

Mr. Payne—"The only difference between my music and that of the 'Pied Piper of Hamelin' is that his brought the people to him and mine drives them all away."

Wanted—Someone to help Mr. Hall and Ralph keep the place in their Economy books. Also Rocking chairs for the class room—so Keith will have more conveniences.

Mr. Payne—"What is a meteor?"

Ethel Wixson—"It's some kind of a bird."

Our book of "Club Songs" came Monday. They are just the thing to live up our meetings.

Mr. Payne (in Physics Class)—"Ralph tell me what you can about beets."

Ralph—"There are two kinds, sugar beets and dead beets."

We regret that we have no immediate notes this week, owing to the illness of the teacher, Mrs. O'Dell. We hope to have her with us after Christmas.

Primary Notes

Our notes will be very few this week as we are putting a lot of time on our Christmas program.

Alfred Wilcox was a visitor Tuesday afternoon.

We drew names to exchange Christmas gifts.

We regret that Grace Harmon cannot be with us now. She was a faithful little worker and we miss her in all Third Grade work.

Quite a few came to school Tuesday with wet feet owing to the change in the weather.

Eather Barber, teacher.

The Lake City Plain Dealer says a letter from the conservation director to Henry Miltner, prosecuting attorney, states that the attorney general has ruled that loaded rifles found on game lands are to be confiscated, as the law does not specifically provide for such action. A number of guns were seized during the hunting season by state police, acting under orders of conservation officers, who were misinformed as to the law. Special directions have been issued for the return of guns taken from several hunters in that vicinity.

An Englishman has invented a boat that cannot be capsized. Here will be a nice Christmas present for the fellow who likes to rock 'em.

Most of the fellows who are advocating a reduction of the tariff to aid the farmers don't want to help the farmers nearly so much as they do the importers.

Remember the good old Puritan days when the fellow who played penny ante and smoked cigarettes was regarded as something of a devil?

The season of the year is approaching when the internationalists will begin to suggest that Uncle Sam ought to be playing Santa Claus to the rest of the world.

Old Man Noah would have had less trouble recovering from his flood if he had had Secretary Hoover with him.

If the Mexican government is not affiliated with the Russian-Soviet it has at least been able to secure the unqualified support of the reds and pinks in the United States.

New York City now has five cent movies once more on the lower East Side. If Governor Smith puts a five cent movie plank in his platform he's going to be hard to head off.

Just because a skull found in Arizona is a half-inch thick, scientists believe it is thousands of years of age. Not necessarily. Atlanta Constitution.

Whatever work he takes up in the future, President Coolidge will have little trouble getting a recommendation from his previous employer. Toledo Blade.

School Notes

Editors: Marius Hanson, Ishbrand Harder, Ellen Speck.

Our Debating team went to St. Stanislaus Friday to uphold the affirmative. Although St. Stanislaus won unanimously, the judges admitted that the subject of debate gave the negative team an advantage and that it was a close vote.

A representative of the Curtis Publishing Co., has again visited us with their plan of raising money for our athletic association. For each subscription to any one of their publications that we secure, our Athletic association gets fifty cents. The high school was divided into two teams, the "Reds" and the "Greens," for a contest to secure subscriptions. The contest ended Monday with the "Greens" in the lead.

The Junior play "Headstrong Joan" which was given Friday night was a great success. The action was fine and each one knew his part well. The class cleared about fifty dollars.

Landlady—"I think you had better board elsewhere."

Boarder—"Yes, I often had."

Landlady—"Often had what?"

Boarder—"Had better board elsewhere."

Charles—"Say Fenton, have you heard about Kenneth?"

Elmer—"Here comes Ishbrand, ask him if that isn't so."

Elmer—"Charles was just telling me that Kenneth went to Chicago and made forty thousand in the

Wood, in an interview at Marquette last Friday, declared against any modification of the "Habitual Criminal" law. This is the law passed by the last legislature and which fixes a life sentence for a person convicted for the fourth time of crime in this state.

The first person to come under the arm of this law was a man at Lansing who had been sentenced to prison three times previous and came before an Ingham judge for sentence the fourth time. The charge in that case was the possession of a pint of gin. A hue and cry was raised against the severity of the law, a pint of gin being emphasized and the fourth conviction left out of the picture. It is reported that an organized effort is to be made to have the next legislature modify this law so as to take the teeth out of it.

Michigan has been writhing under the rule of the gangster, the gunman and the bandit for several years. The habitual criminal section was incorporated into the law to emancipate the state from this thralldom. In matters criminal it frequently happens that a lesser criminal suffers too severely because of the major criminal but they are all criminals in the eyes of the law, major or minor, and the fact that a person comes before a court for the fourth time convicted of an act that carries with it a prison sentence is of itself evidence that such a person is not a wholesome addition to society. The law should stand as it is. Criminals have notice of its provisions and if they flaunt it they are not objects of sympathy.

As Commissioner Wood says, "it would be unfortunate if the teeth were taken out of the law by legislative modification. Gangsters and persons making crime their life's profession will keep out of Michigan as they are keeping out of New York, as long as we have this law and keep teeth in it. Already I have found in my work as parole commissioner, that the hardboiled criminals in our prisons are afraid of this law. They don't like it and they are watching closely the efforts to have it amended. Such a law is a pretty good club to hold over their heads."

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Who remembers the good old days when you could tell a Republican from a Democrat by the way they talked about the tariff?

Senator Dill says the thing for the Democrats to do is to nominate a candidate for President who will be strong enough to carry a Democratic Congress and Senate into power with him. Well, every Democratic county chairman knows that much.

It is said that Russia and Poland are getting ready to fight over Lithuania. We don't know how it will come out but we can make one safe prediction—either way it won't do Lithuania much good.

Democrats never don't like the donkey as a symbol and are advocating the adoption of the eagle. Why not use the automobile? Both the

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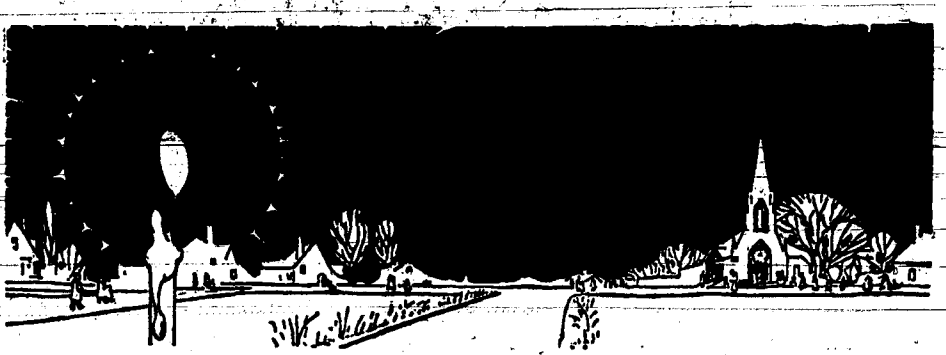
Editorial By
M. H. DeFoe, in the
Charlotte Republican.

It would be interesting some time to see Mr. Average Citizen as concerned about his every day religion as he pretends to be when it becomes necessary to send for a minister to conduct a funeral in his household. Too many households never think of preachers and religion except in emergency cases. They treat the whole problem like they do the fire department except in the case of the church they seldom pay a dime towards its support. But they want both of them—subject to call. Most people had a big dinner Thanksgiving day; took a nap and never gave a thought to the things they should be thankful for. We doubt if a hundred people of this city of 1500 homes attended the union services of the churches called to make some gesture of Thanksgiving to the Divine Ruler of the Universe. Or put it this way. If some one in your household should die tonight what minister would you call? Then sit down and figure out how much you give to support this institution that you would call upon to serve you spiritually. Most of us would be ashamed to give out the figures. Look up your last summer's tax receipt and see what you paid toward the maintenance of the fire department. Then some time early in 1928 mail the church toward which you would be inclined if you needed a preacher between tomorrow and Sunday, a check for exactly this fire department item. It won't be much but it will be enough to justify your calling on the preacher of that particular church when you need him. You want this local spiritual protection than at least support it to the same financial extent you pay to maintain the fire department. Both plants, the fire house and the church have to do with your peace of mind. One is just as essential as the other. Are you paying your just share of the benefits? Resolutions will soon be in order.

Make one and anything you decide to do along this line will add to your own self respect, which action is always to be desired.

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Public Commissioner Arthur D.



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FOR SALE—One horse sleigh in good condition. Andrew Jensen, or inquire at Avalanche office. 12-8-3

FOUND—Luggage carrier on Kalamazoo road Dec. 7. Call for same at this office. tf.

FOR SALE—ONE HEATING STOVE in perfect condition, and one kitchen range. Inquire of Mrs. Frank L. Beckman.

HOUSEWORK WANTED—Will do any kind of housework or cleaning. Mrs. Minnie Davis, Norway St., second house from Burke's Garage. 12-8-1—pd.

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WORK WANTED—Housework wanted by Mrs. Wm. Brado.

FOR RENT—House and garage, electric lights. Inquire of Adler Jorgenson.

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Walt motored to Detroit Thursday to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Where do your \$'s go the farthest? Why, at the Economy Store of course.

I am collecting taxes at my office in my service station every day from 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

Alfred Hanson, Twp. Treas.

The regular meeting of St. Mary's Altar society will be held at American Legion hall next Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 20. In the evening the ladies will entertain the children of the parish up to 12 years old at a Christmas party.

Sale still on at the Economy Store. Bargains in all lines.

Coach Lavere Cushman is ill at Mercy hospital with tonsillitis.

Earle Hewitt was in Bay City the first of the week on business.

Be at the dance Saturday night at the Temple Theatre. Alumni Orchestra.

Miss Helga Jorgenson, a patient at Mercy hospital, is reported as getting along as well as can be expected.

Maurice Gorman who has been ill at his home for the past week, was taken to Mercy hospital Tuesday for examination and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Graham returned from Detroit Tuesday where they have been visiting for the past few weeks with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Clarence Brown left for Bay City Tuesday where she will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff for a few days.

Mrs. H. A. Pond left for Ann Arbor Monday night accompanying Mrs. Edith Cardinell to the University hospital where she will receive treatment.

Mrs. P. P. Mahoney and sons Tommy and Robert returned to their home in Bay City Friday after a few days visit with friends here. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Ambrose McClain, who will visit a few days at the P. P. Mahoney home.

Those that attended the dancing party at the Board of Trade Club last Thursday evening had the pleasure of dancing to music rendered by Grayling's new dance orchestra, the "Alumni", composed mostly of graduates of Grayling High school. This organization from all reports, is a peppy band and promises us good entertainment at our local dancing parties in the future.

Word has been received by friends of the marriage of Miss Estelle Archambault of Detroit to Dick Ichorn of Bay City, which took place at Bay City some time last week. Mrs. Ichorn is well known to Grayling residents having at one time attended the nurse's training school at Mercy hospital. The young couple expect to make their home in Bay City where Mr. Ichorn is employed for the Hiss Jewelry Company.

Try our Hot Chocolate with wafers and whipped-cream. You will like it. Central Drug Store.

Shop early. It pays.

Mrs. Esbern Hanson is spending a few days in Detroit.

New Victor Records every Friday at Central Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gillett were in Gaylord on business Monday.

See the house slippers for father, mother and kiddies at the Economy Store from 49c to 98c.

Mr. W. W. Lewis, local freight agent, spent the week end at his home in Lansing.

Added attractions during intermission at the dance Saturday night at Temple Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Iron River visited for a few hours with Miss Norma Burdett Friday.

Mrs. John Zeder returned from Bay City Wednesday where she has been visiting for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feldhauser from the Ward Ranch at Frederic were Grayling callers Saturday.

Harry Reynolds left for Flint Sunday where he will be employed by the Fisher Body Works at that place.

Gordon Pond visited his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Pond, in Bay City from Saturday until Wednesday.

Russell Peterson, son of Mrs. John Benson, entered Mercy Hospital Monday for examination and treatment.

Peter Davidson returned from Bay City Tuesday after spending a few days visiting his family who reside there.

Mrs. John Benson is at her post at the Variety Store after being confined to her home the past week with tonsillitis.

F. J. McClain returned from Detroit Monday where he had been spending a few days visiting relatives and friends.

The Christmas program of the Michelson Memorial church will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 22nd at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Alonzo Collins left for Detroit the last of the week where she will enter Ford hospital for an operation and treatment.

M. A. Bates, Roy Milnes, Supt. B. E. Smith and Coach Levere Cushman, motored to Saginaw and Ann Arbor Friday on business.

Mrs. George N. Olson and Mrs. E. G. Clark returned from Detroit Monday after spending a few days in Saginaw and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark and daughter Kathryn Price, visited at the George N. Olson home for a couple of days this week.

Miss Margaret Nelson returned from Grand Rapids where she had been spending the past week with her sister, Miss Anna Nelson.

Miss Geneva and John Flynn of Rose City, sister and brother of Mrs. Menno Corwin, and Miss Mildred Albertson, spent the week end visiting at the Menno Corwin home.

Miss Lucida Collins left for Detroit Saturday to attend the funeral of her cousin Ezra Haines. Mr. Haines was a former resident of both Frederic and Grayling for years and was well known to many here.

Frederic has an independent basket ball team this season, which is under the management of "Pete" Johnson. They played their first game Tuesday night defeating Vanderbilt. Johnson is a veteran player, and worked several years with the Grayling independents and is a clever, fast player, and should give Frederic a team that will be hard to beat.

A visit to the Model Bakery found its new owners busy turning out a huge batch of bread. The hot loaves were coming from the ovens beautifully browned. Mr. Craig is proving himself to be a real baker and says he has worked at it all his life. He is putting a real improvement in the quality of his loaves and his pies and cakes are winning instant favor. He believes that Grayling will give him a good business provided he turns out the kind of baked goods the people want, and that is just what he intends to do. Whenever we buy bread at the stores let's ask for Grayling bread (with the Blue Bird Wrappers). And they are putting out much better pies than formerly and also real quality cakes. He will have salt rising bread on sale on Tuesdays and Fridays. Those of us who like that kind will be pleased to be able to get it here. On Wednesdays and Saturdays they will have Danish rolls. Let's show the new owner that the people appreciate good service.

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BUT SURELY HE GAVE YOU THE LARGEST ONE

NO, HE DIDN'T

HAD TO KNOW HIM DOWN AND TAKE IT AWAY FROM HIM

Gulf Stream's Width Put at Fifty Miles

The Gulf stream flows out of the Gulf of Mexico between the coast of Florida and the Bahamas, and then northward along the American coast. Its width, in the narrowest portion, is about fifty miles, and its depth some 2,000 feet. After it has passed between the Bahamas and the coast of Carolina, it is divided into several streams, about 100 fathoms deep and altogether 150 miles wide. Its temperature up to this point is several degrees warmer than that of the surrounding ocean.

Beyond the 40th parallel of north latitude and the meridian 60 degrees west, the Gulf stream can no longer be distinguished from the rest of the ocean drift by temperature, motion, color, salinity or otherwise. It has no further separate existence, but is lost in the general drift of warm water from the southward, Atlantic toward Europe—a general phenomenon having little or nothing to do with the Gulf stream proper.

Seaweed Harvest of Importance in Japan

Japanese soldiers do not give much trouble to the quartermasters' department. In the field they are capable of great endurance on a diet of dried rice, dried fish, dried seaweed, and pickled vegetables. The seaweed is used as a "relish" to it. Given a tiny fire, a stewpan, and the ration mentioned, they are perfectly content, whatever the weather and however long the marches.

Seaweed is grown specially for food purposes, being cultivated with as much care as any other crop. After the typhoon season, the women may be seen bearing great loads of young trees which have been stripped of their leaves, though all the small branches are left intact. These are drawn into the weed on the shore, acres of brushy saplings being arranged in long parallel rows where the tide ebb over them twice daily. Gradually, the green foliage weathers round the stems and the seaweed is then the farmers' harvest. It is then carefully picked over and dried for future use.

CHILDREN AND THE HOME

Home was once a haven of refuge where the family gathered each night around the sitting-room table to read, to discuss matters of mutual interest, to plan for the future, to confer over finance, religion, matrimony and amusement. These conferences, with their mutual understanding, tied the family circle into an unbroken whole, one for all and all for one.

Home today seems little more than a dressing-room, to which we rush to change our costume and make-up for our act on the stage of life. It has become a place of embarkation for some other port.

The telephone, the radio, the phonograph, the moving pictures and the cheap automobile have done much to destroy the home, that greatest of all institutions of civilization. Parents have little opportunity for contact with their children and in consequence little chance to influence them.

Success in parenthood consists not in making children DO, but in making them WANT TO DO. No longer are children made good through fear. They are made good because they want to be good, the good must be made as entertaining, as interesting as the opposing bad.

Here lies the problem of the home. Let us not wonder why children go out so much, but what have we done to make home as interesting as the places to which they go. Let us not quarrel because they are never at home, but studiously ponder the problem of what to do to make home interesting for them.



"DADDY! Come to supper!"

Mary Brown opened the living-room door to put her head out into the darkness and cold of a snowy Christmas Eve.

"Coming, Old Scout," replied a gruff voice which had grown coarse about a foreman's orders in the clanging steel mills. Dad stamped the snow from his worn-out overshoes.

"Well, I've shoveled the walk," he growled, "even if Grandma's not coming and I'll soon be drifted again. Just felt I wanted to do it, somehow."

Sis and Bob, the "twin sizes," as Dad had named them since their last birthday, now pounced on him, yelling "Gonna get a sled! Gonna get a sled!" and "I get a dollie, Papa, won't I, huh?"

After supper the little ones went reluctantly to dreamland. Oh, just to think! Christmas at last! How hard to wait till morning! But the Sandman surprised them and made waiting easy.

"Mary," said Dad gloomily, "I'll have to speak to Jimmie. What keeps him out late this way? Even if it is a question, it's strange, he's strange" around the halls, no good'll ever come of that."

Mother looked thoughtful.

"Well," she admitted, "he hasn't been in early for a week. But, Sam, I don't think he'd do anything wrong, you know—anything—"

"No, Jimmie's been a good boy," said Dad. "An awful good boy, but—"

"Just a bit more," said Jimmie, "in my cold, his eyes sparkling."

"Keen weather!" he announced, explosively, dancing and blowing his hands.

"No, Mat, no, Dad! Gee, but this'll be a swell Christmas!"

Dad and Mother brightened with smiles. Who could help it with Jimmy around. But Dad shifted uneasily. Wouldn't do to take a boy to task on Christmas eve. He started to pack his pipe.

"Jimmie, your supper's still hot."

Interesting Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1902.

N. P. Olson made one of his flying trips to Saginaw last week.

Miss Emma Hanson spent last Thursday with friends in Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phelps returned from their eastern trip last Friday morning.

Miss Berna Smith, the trimmer, will leave for her home in Ridgeway, Ont., about the 17th inst.

Mrs. D. M. Kneeland of Lewiston was the guest of Mrs. Woodworth and other friends here a few days last week.

Miss Anna Olson has returned home after an extended visit with relatives in Gaylord, and reports a most enjoyable time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman, Nov. 29th, a daughter.

A. Brinkmann, the host of a fine yearling, he got into the feed bin and made a glut of himself and then a ghost.

Mrs. H. Pond returned from a very pleasant visit in Detroit, last Saturday. While she was gone the children were happy with Grandma Bates at the farm.

The hunting season closed with an unusual storm and an excellent tracking snow, not soon enough, however, to help the trying hunters any—more of them had pulled stakes before it came and went home dearest.

Rev. C. W. West, of Beaver Creek, lost four heads of fine stock last week, by the Paris Col. They broke into the garden where a pair of the poison had been left.

At the regular business meeting of Y. P. S. C. E. the following officers were elected: President, Cora Wight; vice-president, Edna Wainwright; secretary, Mattie Blanshan; treasurer, Mary Miller.

The exhibits of fruit, grain and vegetables at the farmer's institute, last week, did not look as though the county was a barren waste. Fred Hoesli had a sample of his creamery butter in a fiber package, which was highly commended.

A sentimental editor-out in Kansas asks: "Are there any sweeter words in the English language than these: 'I love you'?" Perhaps not; but the words "Here is that dollar I owe you for subscription" are not lacking in delightful attention to the ear of a newspaper man.

W. S. Chaiker and family desire to publicly thank their neighbors for their kind attention and help, following the sad accident, resulting in the death of her brother, and especially to John Edmonds and his hired man, who remained with them during the night and rendered every assistance possible.

Frederic Items

The Frederic Dramatic Club played at Deward, last Saturday night, to a full house.

Mrs. Merrick, of Waters, a music teacher, visited in our town, last week with Mrs. Frank Bradey.

A ten-pound baby boy gladdens the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Banghart.

Dick Jacobs, of Frankfort, visited with old friends at E. McCracken's, last week.

Our printer is prospering, it would appear, as he now employs a Devil.

Tom Brennan and family now call Deward their home. The firm of Brennan Brothers having dissolved partnership.

Our businessmen have at last, under the persuading powers of James Spencer, organized. Their first at-

CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT T. B.

Residents of the state of Michigan paid on an average of five cents each in 1926 to help tuberculosis and thus aid in the promotion of public health. Michigan, which has the seventh largest income of any state in the union, ranked sixteenth in the United States in the per capita sale of Christmas seals during 1926.

While the Christmas seal sale last year fell below that of 1925 in that way preventing the entire program of anti-tuberculosis work planned for 1927 from being carried out, it is hoped that enough money will be obtained from the seal sale this year to carry on an especially intensive campaign for the early diagnosis of tuberculosis, as well as continue the preventive work being done against the disease in this state. The state quota is \$250,000 this year.

Although the per capita average for the state as a whole was five cents many counties fell below this figure. Washtenaw county with a per capita sale of 10.45 cents ranked first in the state.

The per capita sale in Crawford county was .0209 in 1926.

ARABIAN NIGHTS TALES (By E. M. T. Service)

"When you get back to your office," said a Detroit business man to a representative of the East Michigan Tourist Association the other day, "I wish you would express to your officers the fact that Detroit business men are appreciative of the great work you are doing in bringing residents of other states to this section of Michigan."

"I have been intending to write the association to express this appreciation. We business men here in Detroit realize that many residents of other states brought to Michigan through the East Michigan Tourist Association go through the gateway of Detroit."

"We know that many of them stay here for a day or several days of a week and leave hard cash in our town. We know they return home and tell others about our wonderful city."

"We know that when they shove off from Detroit for the sections farther north to spend their vacations they are helping Detroit too. For whatever contributes to the prosperity of any section of the state contributes to the prosperity of Detroit which is the metropolis."

"Detroit and Wayne county are not doing their share financially in the great work you are doing. I don't think I have been doing my share and I want to double my present subscription."

FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESUME (By William McMahon, President New York Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

There are more unfavorable features in industry this week than last. Car loadings have shown quite a definite decline and steel operations are at the lowest ebb for the year. There is less promise in the automobile industry than there was a few months or a few weeks ago.

The probabilities are that General Motors Corporation is preparing to bring out a new six cylinder Chevrolet to sell for the same prices as Ford's new model. If this is true, many of the motor manufacturing companies will suffer. Prices were unhealthy in any given industry.

But the most unfavorable element is the likelihood of investigations and inquiries during the present session of congress. If some of our investigators run around in the field of business, its effect will be one of general industrial depression.

There will be alternate declines and rallies in the stock market. A mixed sentiment prevails among traders and brokers. While the present has many unfavorable factors, yet there are leaders in industry who predict big things for the opening of 1928. This may be true. But we advise staying out of the market for the present.

HABITUAL CRIMINALS

Greenville folks have been arguing about the habitual criminal law which provides automatic life sentence for a person convicted of a fourth felony. Particular attention has been called to the new Michigan law by the life sentence of a man when his fourth felony chance to be possession of liquor.

Probably the impulse for passing such a law was given by the general feeling that courts cannot always be relied upon to do their duty. In Chicago the other day a gangster was fired although evidence placed on him guilt for a gun murder. In Montana county, not many would believe an habitual criminal law is needed. It is no doubt a good thing for the state as a whole. Possibly there needs to be some limitation of those fourth felonies to the more serious ones. Greenville Daily News.

The bull in the china shop has been superseded by the reckless automobile driver on the busy streets.

Combination More Than Fifty Per Cent Good

In a sketch of John Hay by Charles F. Thwing, president emeritus of Western Reserve university, included in his book, "Guides, Philosophers and Friends," is this Lincoln story told to Doctor Thwing by Hay:

"I know that most of the anecdotes told about Lincoln are apocryphal," said Mr. Hay, "but this one is true. In the campaign which led, as it proved, to his election, I was out with Mr. Lincoln on the stump."

"We had a reception given to us in one of the cities of our campaign. In the line there came up a man who, getting close to Mr. Lincoln, said: 'Mr. Lincoln, down our way, in Buffalo, we kind of think if we can have you and God we can pull the old thing through.'"

"Getting close, himself, to the man, Mr. Lincoln replied:

"I think you are more than half right!"—Kansas City Star.

Blessing the Beasts

A quaint ceremony is that still obtaining in some parts of Normandy, the benediction des bestiaux. The oxen and the draft horses are assembled in front of the church. There may also be a bullock or two and perhaps some cows. The procession of peasants, clad in their very best, issues from the church to the sound of a chant that is deemed by the priest. The venerable cure sprinkles a few drops of water on the heads of the beasts and when all the animals have received the benediction the next feature of the ceremony is to place at the pedestal of the cross facing the church certain bundles tied in coarse burlap. These bundles contain bread and salt, which are to be given to those beasts not able to attend the ceremony, says the Washington Star.

Power of Love

Once when John Ruskin and Thomas Carlyle were discussing the literature of their day, the latter said to his companion: "Can you tell me why it is that works on subjects of vital interest to the race, splendidly written by men of profound scholarship, command scarcely sufficient sale to pay the cost of publishing; while trashy novels, false to history, false to philosophy and false to the facts of human experience, and altogether lacking in literary merit, will sell by scores of thousands?"

After a short pause, Ruskin replied: "There is but one explanation of that fact, and the explanation is straightforward: the novel has love in it and the other has not."—Scribner's Magazine.

Good Idea

Copierscope had arrived home tired and hungry, but the beds had not been made and neither was there the faintest sign of a dinner. Presently he surprised his wife reading a novel in the dining room.

"Do you mean to say that dinner isn't ready?" he asked, with dangerous calm. "Very well, I'm going back to town to dine at the Criterion."

"Just wait five minutes," replied his wife, throwing aside her book.

"Will it be ready then?" he queried hopefully.

"No," was the cheerful answer; "but I'll come with you."

Ragpipes in Spain

Specimens of ragpipes are found on old Spanish manuscripts. In the beautiful volume of the "Cantigas de Santa Maria," which was made in the Thirteenth century of King Alfonso the Wise, there are 51 separate figures of musicians. These form an introduction to the canticles. There are three places among them with ragpipes. Another Spanish manuscript of the end of the fifteenth century, illustrated by a Flemish artist for Queen Isabella, shows many musical instruments, among which are ragpipes.

Relief of Indian Art

A relief of the old Mathura school of Indian art is in the possession of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It consists of a thin slab of red sandstone, carved on both sides. It is a pediment decorated with a repeating ornament of three varieties, the same on each side of the slab, and was probably part of the main or only entrance to a temple which may have been entirely of stone but more likely of brick except for the doorway.

Liberia

The republic of Liberia has a population of about 2,000,000. All negroes of whom nearly 20,000 are Afro-Americans. The civilized inhabitants number about 50,000, 110,000 live along the coast and speak the English language.

Highest Reward

The most agreeable recompense which we can receive for things which we have done is to see them known to have them applauded with praise which comes from within.

Ascribed to Flowers

The forget-me-not was formerly known as scorpion grass, because the flower buds were thought to resemble the coiled-up serpent, and our forefathers, believing in the doctrine of signatures, supposed this to indicate that they would cure venomous stings. Vying with the forget-me-not in its sentimental associations is the lily of the valley, which also blooms in May, and is indeed sometimes called the May-lily. In the old herbalist's heyday it seems also to have vied with the forget-me-not in curative properties. In the world of legend, however, the forget-me-not seems to have a distinct advantage, for whereas an angel scattered them for us, the lily of the valley sprang from the tears of a mere mortal. Eve, as she left the Garden of Eden.—Chicago Journal.

God's Greatest Gift

The Pull-Mall restaurant is a famous establishment in the Hay Market section of London. All prominent men and women go there at least once. It is the only place to inscribe their names in the "Album of the House."

Patti was there once and wrote beneath her name: "A beautiful voice is one of God's greatest gifts." Some time after Yvette Guilbert was there, and having read Patti's inscription wrote down: "An ugly, but expressive voice, is also one of God's greatest gifts." She thought, no doubt, to have the last word. Chance would have it that Sir Rider Haggard dropped in one day at the Pull-Mall and started reading the album. He smiled and in turn wrote something beneath his name. This was it: "Silence is God's greatest gift."—Flower-Yan Paassen, in Atlanta Constitution.

Philosophy

There is no peace in hymns of hate, nor in the road that isn't straight; there is no joy in lifting fobs nor pertrating hold up jobs; there is no gain in drifting holes in men and letting out their souls. The good-for-evil stunt is great! Heap burning coals upon the pate of the guy who has done you dirt, and then stand back and watch it hurt! There may be profit in red gold, in robbing men, but when you're old and you've lost even self-respect, you know indeed your life is wrecked, and all the schemes you've put across have brought you nothing else but loss. The good deed of some fellow-man and love are better in much more than shade, when life's moon turns to shade, beat all the knave's ever made.—Yudd Mortimer Lewis in the Houston Post-Dispatch.

Syrian Wedding Custom

An ancient Syrian custom which is sometimes observed even at the present time is the assumption by a newly married couple of a royal status. On the village threshold floor is placed a throne on which they are seated daily for seven days, during which time songs and hymns in their honor are sung and poems recited. In praise of their beauty, etc. Some leading Biblical scholars have divided the Song of Solomon into seven sonnets or Idylls, which would furnish one for each day of the "King's week."

Language of Diplomacy

The French language was used extensively in Europe in the Twelfth and Thirteenth centuries. The French literature was greatly developed and spread throughout the various countries, and persons of culture studied the language in order to be able to read the literature. Many foreign students were attracted to the University of Paris, and this also helped to spread the language. As a language for treaties and foreign intercourse among nations, French became general in the time of Louis XIV.

Highly Dangerous

While two gay spirits were giving an unusually hair-raising display of acrobatics at a recent flying pageant, and to the lay eye seemed to be trying their best with the aid of some live hundred or so of horse power, to tear the wings off their frail steeds of ticks and canvas, a solemn voice came through a loudspeaker:

"Would spectators be good enough to refrain from the highly dangerous practice of standing on their seats!"

Differs in Meaning

"Nag," the word used by us to describe a horse or a fault-finding woman, means to the natives of parts of India a snake god.

Michigan's Highway Problem

The validating of the three-cent gas tax by the state Supreme Court will go a long way in clearing up the muddled highway program inherited by Governor Fred W. Green when he took office last January. No one will deny that it took courage to face the situation from a business standpoint and insist that the state first liquidate its highway indebtedness before plunging into additional expenditures for highway purposes. The problem was no more his than it was that of every taxpayer in Michigan. It was only good business judgment to insist on knowing where the money was coming from before assuming further obligations for the state.

Under the decision of the court, Michigan is now assured of a rational highway program. The additional revenue secured will permit payment of outstanding obligations in addition to taking care of our constantly growing traffic demands. The Governor has indicated his willingness to submit future legislation to a referendum on the present law to prevent a suspension of road building for more than a year, which would have been a serious mistake. He has no desire to build up a surplus in excess of that needed to carry on a sensible road building program; he believes the next legislature should reduce the weight tax on automobiles to that point where the combined tax will not be too burdensome on the automobile owners. The gas tax is a fair tax, the most equitable and easiest to pay that we have. Those who use the highways must pay most. Nothing could be fairer. But best of all—future highway building will be paid for as we go along—and like the man who pays cash, we can secure lower contracts from the builders.

SHOULD PLANT MORE SPRUCE TREES

The Spruce is one of the most beautiful trees to be found in America. Winter or summer, its graceful boughs are covered with deep green needles. The spruce grows straight and tall and it is seldom that you will find a finaried or unsightly member of its family. Besides being a beautiful adornment to any landscape, the spruce also is extremely valuable for a number of uses if planted in the proper place.

Spruce trees planted along the highways and railroads at strategic points make splendid snow fences as well as beautifying the right-of-way. For the farm they provide a splendid windbreak for buildings during the winter as well as shelter for farm animals during the late fall months. Spruce grows fast, is hardy and needs little attention.

A few years from now spruce trees will be extremely valuable, not only for pulpwood, but also for logs, and the man who has large merchantable spruce for sale will be fortunate.

When a political campaign begins too soon it doesn't end soon enough.—Toledo Blade.

An Alluring Outfit Is This Simple Beige Frock

For the demure miss, Marceline Day, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, is wearing a smart beige frock with a thin striped skirt edged in brown ribbon. Collar and cuffs are of white linen also edged with the ribbon.

GET A COPY

We wonder how many of Michigan's motorists are familiar with the laws that have to do with the operation of automobiles they drive. Could you state with certainty whether or not you can drive your car one full day without violating at least one law? If you can you are one in a thousand, because few folks are informed on all of our motor vehicle laws. Most of us know a little about a few laws, but nothing about most of them. Approaching the Secretary of State John A. Haggerty, has had prepared a digest of the Michigan motor vehicle laws which is being published in convenient form. If you are not given a copy with your license plates this year ask for one. Every driver should carry a copy in his car, but before he puts it in his car he should take the time to read it through.

HOOPER'S RESIDENCE

Already the "whispering campaign" of undermining support of candidates for the presidency has started and Herbert Hoover is the one attacked. A clause in the federal constitution says that a person to be eligible to hold the office of president of the United States must have "attained the age of 35 years and have been fourteen years a resident within the United States."

Herbert Hoover spent many years in other countries prior to the war, following his profession as an engineer. Although born and reared here and always maintaining his citizenship the whispering hope, either to have the "fourteen year clause" construed as a bar to his eligibility or that it will act as a sort of bogey man to scare away support from Hoover is the reason for its being "whispered."—Crystal Falls Diamond Drill.

There's one thing to be said for the European situation. If you don't like it all you have to do is wait a day or two and it will change.

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Inside Information

Children over three years old should have garments with a front opening to make self-dressing easier. Buttons should be fairly large in size and buttonholes should be firm. It is a good plan to reinforce bands where the buttonholes are to be worked. The buttons should be sewed on firmly and should have a long shank.

Baked bananas are a good mid-winter dessert. Skin six bananas, scrape them lightly to remove any stringy portion, and split in half lengthwise. Place in a buttered shallow baking dish, and pour over them a sauce made of 1/2 cup of sugar, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1-8 teaspoon salt. Bake in a hot oven until brown.

The first step toward remodeling an old kitchen is to think out a plan that considers the work to be done, how space equipment can be efficiently arranged, and the relation of this room to the rest of the house. Careful planning will sometimes show that good results can be accomplished by regrouping equipment, providing two sets of some of the smaller pieces, and refinishing the floor and painting the walls a lighter color.

Some silks and wools are spotted by water which dissolves a part of the weighting or finishing substance and leaves a ring. Sometimes these rings can be removed by scratching with the finger nail or rubbing with a stiff brush. Another method is to dampen the entire surface of the material by sponging with clean water or by shaking in steam from a briskly boiling teakettle, and then pressing while still damp. Still another method is to dip the entire garment in carbon tetrachloride, gasoline, or other solvent. Gasoline, however, should be used with caution because of the fire risk.

Honolulu's Pet



Miss Sadie Dyson of Honolulu, several times winner of the vote for that city's most beautiful and popular girl, photographed as she arrived at Los Angeles for an extended tour of the United States.

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WORKING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

"YOU'LL have to go to bed and be flat on your back for some time," the doctor said to me.

I knew his reputation and that he was no doubt right. There could be no argument. I had a tremendous lot of work that should be done—writing most of it. I had no temperature; I was not really sick; what little brain I have was working in as active and normal a way as it had ever done. It was only that an accident had made it necessary to spread me out and hang weights on my left arm to pull it back into a position which it refused to assume. I write with my right hand; even lying on my back my knee can be flexed and a pad of paper balanced upon it. I would write even if I were on my back!

The process was slow and wearisome. I had to rest at short intervals, but it was amazing how much I could get done in a day, strained though the position was. And the work made the time pass more quickly. I was more cheerful from having something to do; my back ached less because I had less time to give to pondering over my aches. Difficult as it was, I came to enjoy it; and the work got done.

A friend of mine, because of a peculiar accident was forced for a month to be face downward on her bed. She could look over the edge of the bed which was low and near the floor, and she devised all sorts of things to occupy her time—some of them useful work, others play—and so, while doing something worthwhile, kept herself cheerful and happy. It was not an easy condition under which to work, but she was resourceful and energetic.

I have just been told of two men lying in a hospital, neither permitted to move his back, but true to do what he wished with his hands. One was a stock broker who had a long-distance telephone installed and did business regularly during business hours. He admitted that he got on more successfully than when he was in his office in the city because, lying prone in bed, he was not interrupted, not disturbed. He gave his letters to his stenographer early in the morning and then he had all his time to himself.

The second man was a writer. He had a typewriting machine suspended above the bed in such a way as permitted him to move it up and down to admit the sheet of paper on which he was writing, and in such a position as to make it possible, lying as he was, to operate it. He worked along all day, forgetting that he was invalided, that at times he suffered pain, and got his regular work done almost as well as if it were possible for him to be on his feet. He was the sort that wouldn't let difficulties keep him from work.

Whether a man works or not often depends upon the difficulties which he is willing to overcome.

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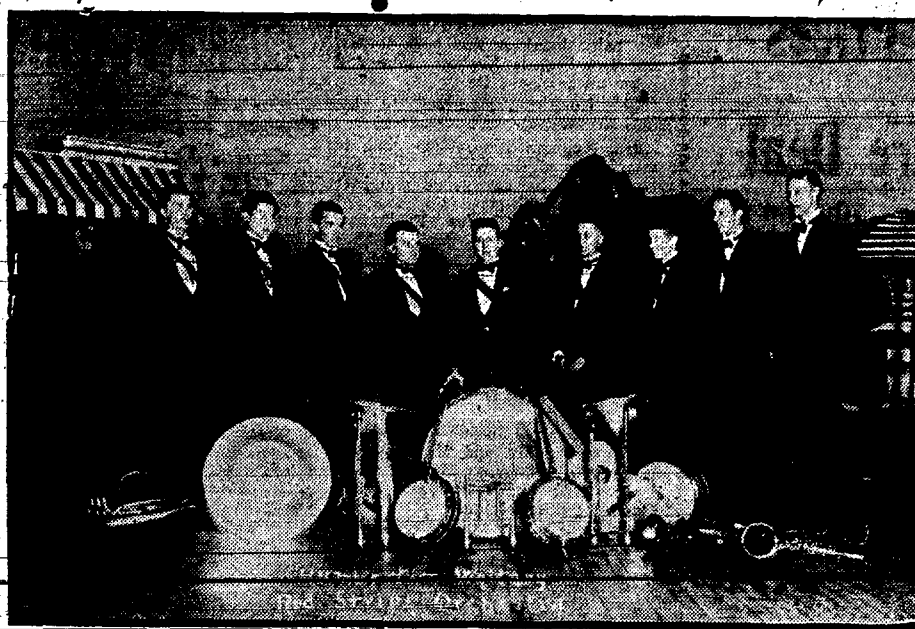
DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Early Sleep Producers

Not until the nineteenth century were men able to find a drug that would produce sleep. Until that time operations were performed only in case of life or death. Dr. James Simpson, a Scotch physician, discovered the value of chloroform as an anesthetic by experimenting on himself, and Dr. Crawford Long of Georgia was the first to use ether.

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TO PLAY FOR ANNUAL CHARITY BALL, DEC. 29



THE HUMBERT-WHITNEY RED STRIPE ORCHESTRA

This is the orchestra that will furnish the music for the annual Charity Ball, to be given at the High School Gymnasium, Thursday, December 29th.

Home Again at Christmas

by W.D. Pennypacker

"Most of us," remarked one of the travelers, after he was comfortably settled and the train was well out from the yard limits, "still have strong ties in the old East."

"It is true, indeed," replied the man sitting beside him. "I love the West. I admire its freshness and brightness, its grand fields, its many diversified interests, and the fact that its possibilities for further development are still apparently limitless. I, too, am bound for the old homelands in the city of my birth, but I can never expect the old metropolitan appeal to me as it once did. There are too many high walls, too narrow streets, and too little opportunity for growth such as we know on the prairie lands, to appeal to me. And the people are not as frank and friendly as they ought to be."

The other acquiesced. Most persons who have lived in the West any length of time feel this way. The men were not patrons of the pullman, though both were well-dressed and appeared reasonably prosperous.

"I wouldn't miss the opportunity of riding in a day coach at this time of the year and studying my fellow passengers," ventured the first speaker. Most every seat was occupied, and there were a number of babies and children among the passengers.

Two seats before them sat an attractive young mother with a babe just able to walk. In spite of its zig-zag journey and the jurching of the train, as it negotiated numerous curves, the youngster persisted in walking up and down the aisle, tracing a great deal of attention and getting in the way of brakemen and passengers who had to pass to and fro. Across the aisle was a child of about three, quite amiable, but swinging in his small hands a half-eaten banana with its golden envelope dangling about it, to the evident annoyance of an elderly semi-invalid and her dignified daughter who sat nearby.

But the holiday season was approaching and no one was "crabby" enough to complain. Old maids and confirmed bachelors, if there were any in the car, either enjoyed the baby or kept their thoughts to themselves. Passengers moved about frequently, as is quite common on a long journey, and some of the more restless ones, it is safe to say, occupied nearly every seat in the car before they reached their journey's end.

Near the front of the car sat a woman whose only child was a young

canary, and who divided her time about equally between coaxing the bird to "sing for mother, pretty," asking the Negro brakemen questions, climbing up to get something from her suit case, or changing about from seat to seat.

It was merely the restlessness of the usual traveler, but the two men were interested.

Between their eager observance of this restlessness and their notation of the almost limitless amount of fruit, ice cream cones and confections consumed, they wondered what would come next.

But candy and restlessness and travel have little noticeable effect. At last the train was drawing into its eastern terminal. As it crawled past a multitude of switches everyone was expectant. There was the usual climbing or reaching for hand luggage in the upper racks, the usual bling of hats and outer garments, and a general effort to be ready to leave the train quickly.

The wheels stopped. Brakemen announced "All out!" In less than a minute the train was empty and the tax stand.

"Hello, there, I've been looking for you," cried a man in a friendly voice, reaching his hand to the stranger's shoulder and his

"You just come in from the West on that 5:15?"

"Yeah, did you not?"

"I did," he replied with a degree of wonderment. "Why?"

"You left this envelope in your seat. It looks important. I wondered how I would find you."

"Gosh! It is important! There could be no Christmas for the kids without it. I don't know how it got out of my hand bag—probably when I removed my time-traveling study kit. Well, here's a fellow of mine and the kiddies. I am sure."

"I heard you remark that easterners were not friendly," said the new arrival composedly. "I'm a New Yorker just around the corner and I can take you part way to your destination."

The offer was accepted. The men became warm friends.

But the envelope? you ask. What of the finding of that big white envelope?

It was that that made Christmas!

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Origin of Christmas Trees

The modern Christmas tree can be traced back to the sixteenth century. It originated on the banks of the Rhine. Sixty years later the fir tree was used to carry gifts in celebration of Christmas all over the civilized world.

FREDERIC NEWS

Rufus Edmonds had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse. Presumably some one took him for a deer, the bones in both hind legs were broken necessitating shooting.

Donald Chambers of West Branch, State Sunday School, gave away our Sunday school last Sunday. He has been doing some good work in the surrounding country.

Mrs. Crissey of Sault Ste. Marie visited here aunt, Mrs. James Patterson and other relatives last week.

Glen Wilcox and wife are helping out with the singing. Mrs. Wilcox has a very strong alto voice.

Mrs. Charles Horton is on the invalid list being confined to her bed. Wm. Wilson and family visited last Sunday at Gaylord.

The schools are putting on a Christmas entertainment. The young speakers are very much enthused over it thinking perhaps old Santa will be listening and they will be remembered better.

E. McCracken has the job at Ed. Feldhauser's mill east of Grayling, whitewashing and sawing.

Mrs. Herbert Dodge is having repairs made to her house, the work being done by Gaylord's expert carpenters.

The mission held its regular meeting at Mrs. Henry Leeman's. Several visitors were present.

The Aid gave a supper last week for the benefit of Rev. Earl Roscommon beat our home boys Monday night in a lively game the score being 12 to 8. Our girls lost to Roscommon the same evening.

The boys' new suits are very nifty, purple and gold.

It is reported that John Parsons has sold out. Also that J. J. Higgins and son Harry will enlarge their business in the spring.

Mrs. Ray Armstrong presented her husband with an 8 1/2 pound boy last Friday. All doing well.

Cadmus

During the latter part of October, Fred Hartman of Eldorado lost a buck sheep and after spending considerable time looking for the animal advertised it as a stray. During the last days of the hunting season hunters found the animal in some thick underbrush not far from the farm home, the chain attached to its neck being tangled around a tree. The animal was still alive although it had subsided only on such roots and other vegetation as could be found in a twelve foot circle for over a month. Roscommon Herald-News.

Cuts His Own Salary

When William C. Horvater, cigar maker and Socialist, was elected city treasurer of Reading, Pa., he decided not to accept the salary allowed him and fixed his wage at \$8,000 a year. Horvater declares he wants only enough money to keep himself and family and that \$8,000 is plenty. There are five Socialists in office in Reading now, the others being the mayor, two councilmen and the controller.

Is your boy in his "teens" always hungry? Scientists say it is quite normal for him to crave more food, perhaps, than any one else in the family. Because of his great activity he requires almost as much energy food as a grown man doing very heavy, active work. Also because a boy is growing very rapidly, he needs almost one and a half times as much food that supplies him with protein and minerals, as a fully grown man. Give him plenty of milk, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to the energy foods that are usually present in his diet, such as bread and butter, cereals, and potatoes.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Yuletide Cheer

By YED W. PEARSON
in Washington Post

IN THE providence of Nature
There's a consonance of good,
Permeating and slating
All the cosmic brotherhood.
Though the waves of deep depression
May engulf our struggling forms,
Like the gleaming of our dreaming
Are the heights above the storms;
And one peak that gleams clearly
Like an iridescent cone,
Is the Yuletide Cheer, which yearly
Brings delight to every one.

High above the range of Virtues
Is this crowning pinnacle,
And its luring and enduring
Message freely comes to all.
Shops and homes are decorated;
Hearts are throbbing merrily;
And each glowing face is showing
Just how sweet is charity.
For the season of Good Feeling,
Dawning as the old year dies,
Turns to gladness all our sadness,
And to friends our enemies.

Some, perhaps, are thinking darkly
Of their lack of means to give;
They are lonely, and can only
By the utmost efforts live.
So, with fainting hearts, and tearful,
Their self-pity grows extreme,
When a ringing voice and cheerful,
Sounds this axiom supreme:
In the providence of Nature
There's a service all may find,
And the measure of its treasure
Is the art of being kind.

my's writing." Grandma's dim eyes twinkled wisely.

Jimmy blushed. Dad, blinking, put a proud arm around him and squeezed him tight.

Grandma was holding up twelve crackling bills and saying: "So sweet of Jimmy, and I had just said I didn't need to use it after all. Old Ed Ph Saxton showed up after all these years and paid me the hundred dollars your poor grandpa loaned him. Aren't we lucky! All here together. Won't it just be the merriest Christmas ever?"

What was that? Such a racket! In dashed the pajama-clad "twin sizes." Their little faces shining with ecstasy.

"Oh, it's Grandma! Grandma! Oh! Oh! Oh! Grandma is Christmas come?"

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Lacoste Puts Up Racket

Jean Rene Lacoste, tennis champion of France and the United States, conqueror of William T. Tilden, has abandoned the courts until next May, and is devoting his entire time to the motor business, automobile and airplane.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a conveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register-in-Chancery of the County in which the land lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with one hundred per centum additional thereon, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. Payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

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Amount necessary to redeem, \$20.32 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Marius Hanson assignee of W. H. Williams, place of business, Grayling, Michigan.

To Michigan Central Railroad Company assignee of Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

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LOVELLS NEWS

The Xmas tree cutters have returned to their homes.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nephew. She will be known as Lorna Deer.

John Howe has returned to his home at Detroit.

Mrs. Augusta Hanna has gone to Ohio to spend the winter. She was accompanied by her grand daughter Marie McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feldhauser are care takers at the Squire cabin.

Mr. Roy Small and son Don of Mio and Ben Bertram of Detroit spent a few days with the former's daughter, Mrs. Francis Nephew.

Roscoe, Carl and Lewis Bugbee have returned to their home at the Lake.

Don McCormick is cooking at Feldhauser's camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennedy of Owatonna and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon and Orville Hainer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Husted at Russell Lake.

Ray Duby was a caller at Mio Sunday.

Charles Papenhus and John Kelley were callers in Grayling Sunday.

Muri Burpee was in Lovells for a few days.

George Burpee of Grayling was in Lovells Sunday.

Bill Henderson and Jack Schouck of Mio were Lovells callers last week.

John Haric is at Feldhauser's camp employed as walking boss.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Opening of New Congress—Kansas City Wins the G. O. P. Convention.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

PRIMED for lively fights on various issues, the Seventieth congress began its first session on Monday. The House immediately re-elected Nicholas Longworth, but organization of the senate and committee assignments in both houses was delayed. With the opening of the senate on Tuesday came the first gun in the battle over the seating of Frank L. Smith and W. S. Vare, senators-elect from Illinois and Pennsylvania respectively. Norris of Nebraska led off with a resolution summarily refusing the two membership in the senate. Counter resolutions by their friends, that they be allowed to take the oath of office and that the charges of corrupt election practices be referred to the committee on privileges and elections, were offered. On Wednesday Senator Borah had his say in support of the latter resolutions and the senate, by a vote of 53 to 28, decided that Smith could not take the oath. Later the same action was taken in the case of Vare. Both cases were referred to the Reed committee on campaign expenditures.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S message, read to congress Tuesday, was a straightforward, business-like document, setting forth the needs of the country as he saw them and advising as to the future. He did not withdraw a step in his attitude on controversial questions and consequently the message in its entirety was pleasing only to his thick-and-thin supporters. The program he recommended for the nation may be summarized thus: Farm relief—creation of a federal farm board to administer a revolving fund to aid co-operatives. Flood control—Construction of dikes, spillways and aids to navigation in the lower Mississippi. Taxation—Moderate reduction as recommended by Secretary Mellon. Merchant marine—stop further building and turn ships over to private ownership. Inland navigation—Protection of the Gulf-to-the-Atlantic waterway through the St. Lawrence. Panama canal—Construction of \$12,000,000 dam at Alhajuela for flood protection. National defense—An army large enough for protection of the nation with generous supply of officers; more cruisers, airplane carriers and submarines for the navy but no participation in a navy building race. The President also urged strict enforcement of prohibition and again asked that the Chief Executive be given authority to act during coal strikes. In the matter of foreign relations he recommended understandings with other nations toward outlawing war and negotiations of covenants not out of harmony with the Constitution. The President's far-reaching proposal did not at all suit the corn belt men; his recommendations as to taxes was at variance with the ideas of the ways and means committee, which on the same day introduced its bill calling for a tax reduction of \$232,755,000, much greater than was favored by Secretary Mellon; the limitation of flood control work to the lower Mississippi was contrary to the views of a great many who advocate a much more comprehensive policy; the "big navy" men were not satisfied with his program for fighting ships, and both parties are split on his merchant marine policy.

WEDNESDAY President Coolidge submitted his annual budget message, and again warned congress that taxes should not be reduced by more than \$225,000,000. The budget he offered for the fiscal year 1923 calls for total expenditures, exclusive of those of the postal service, amounting to \$3,556,957,031. This is about \$84,000,000 less than the estimated expenditures of the current fiscal year of 1922, but represents an increase of about \$83,000,000 over actual disbursements of the fiscal year 1922.

On the basis of estimated receipts for the fiscal year 1923 of \$3,909,497,314, President Coolidge predicts a surplus of \$252,540,283, assuming no change in the present revenue laws.

He estimates the surplus for the current fiscal year at \$454,253,806, this figure representing the difference between estimated receipts of \$4,076,568,001 and expenditures amounting to \$3,621,314,285.

The President allows approximately \$645,000,000 for the purely defense needs of the nation during the year ending June 30, 1923, an increase of approximately \$20,000,000 over the sum made available for defense last year. According to the President's figures, navy estimates for the next fiscal year are \$362,107,020, an increase of \$14,209,048 over this year. For the army the budget estimates provide \$297,331,333. The navy total, however, contains approximately \$9,000,000 for retired pay for officers and enlisted men, an item not included in the army total.

WHEN the Republican national committee got together—with two new anti-Katolite members surprisingly elected in Wisconsin—it first called on the President in the White House, and Mr. Coolidge made quite a long address in which he quite definitely removed himself from consideration for the nomination in 1928. His words were:

"This is naturally the time to be planning for the future. The party will soon place in nomination its candidate to succeed me. To give time for mature deliberation I stated to the country on August 2 that I do not choose to run for President in 1928. My statement stands. No one should be led to suppose that I have modified it. My decision will be respected. After I had been eliminated the party began and should vigorously continue the serious task of selecting another candidate from among the numbers of

distinguished men available."

The celebration then took up the question of the convention city, hearing the offers of the several contestants. Chairman Butler aroused a good deal of animosity by declaring his preference for Kansas City, and a hot fight between that city and San Francisco resulted. On the twentieth ballot Kansas City won, and the committee at once issued a call for the convention to meet there on June 12. Mr. Coolidge's "elimination" of himself was followed by a statement by Charles Evans Hughes that he was not to be considered a candidate, and, though Senator Willis announced that he was willing to accept the honor, there were left but three major contestants for the nomination—Frank O. Lowden, Herbert Hoover and Vice President Dawes. The selection of Kansas City was regarded as rather favorable to Lowden and Dawes.

Under the terms of the call for the convention the basis of representation will be the same as in 1924. There will be one delegate for each congressional district and one additional delegate for each district polling 10,000 or more votes for the Republican candidate for President in 1924 or Republican candidate for congress in 1923. There will be four delegates at large for each state and three additional delegates for each state carried by the Republican ticket in 1924. There will be 1,088 delegates in the convention, compared with 1,109 in 1924. Kentucky and Texas gain three each, while Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin lose three each, Tennessee, North Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia two each, and Alabama, Louisiana, and New York one each.

WARNING was issued to the Republican and Democratic parties by the Anti-Saloon league at its meeting in Washington, that the league membership will support only those candidates in state and national elections whose utterances, acts and records prove them to be loyal supporters of the Volstead act. To win the support of the organization the parties must nominate men whose loyalty to the dry act cannot be questioned.

After a bitter fight between the supporters of F. Scott McBride, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, and Ernest H. Cherrington, general manager of the league's publishing activities, over the question of whether force or persuasion should be the major weapon used in the future by the league in its fight against repeal of the Eighteenth amendment, McBride was re-elected and Cherrington was made director of a new department of education, publicity and research. E. S. Rhumaker, Indiana superintendent who is under indictment for contempt of the Indiana Supreme court, was dropped from the executive committee.

SECRETARY MELLON in his annual report says that, notwithstanding a decline in business activity, underlying conditions are sound. "Business activity began in the spring months of this year to fall below the totals of last year," says the report. "As a result of this recession business is now being conducted on a basis that conforms more nearly to the normal expectancy, as judged from the regular rate of growth of the country. While business is not as active as in most of 1922, it can hardly be said to be subnormal, and the underlying fundamentals appear to be sound."

"Another indication of healthy business conditions is the recent recovery in commodity prices, due in the main to the rise in agricultural prices. The growing stability of prices in Europe, moreover, is favorable to our export commodities."

CHARLES MARTINDALE, master in chancery of Indianapolis, filed in the United States District court a report in which the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and fifty other oil concerns are held guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust law by a monopoly of trade. Martindale holds that there is no evidence of an existing conspiracy in restraint of trade—maintenance of a monopoly, price fixing or pooling of patent rights. Dismissal for lack of equity of the suit instituted by the government three years ago was recommended.

LITHUANIA and Poland presented their complaints against each other to the council of the League of Nations in Geneva and asked for relief. Premier Waldemaras appeared for Lithuania first before representatives of Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Japan, and refused to budge from his position. He said he was ready to give the council every guarantee of Lithuania's pacific intentions and his willingness to set up a neutral zone between Lithuania and Poland, but he could not go into the question of immediately restoring diplomatic relations with Poland or allowing the Poles untrammelled entry into Lithuania.

Next day Waldemaras told the council how Lithuania has been continually menaced by Poland since the establishment of the latter republic, and recounted the alleged Polish actions in support of Lithuania's rebellious. Foreign Minister Zaleski of Poland said Waldemaras' charges and fears were based on gossip and that his country extended the fraternal hand of friendship to Lithuania. Finding the whole matter too difficult for immediate decision, the council referred it to Van Buren of Holland for a report.

JAPAN'S plan to borrow \$40,000,000 from J. P. Morgan & Co. for the benefit of the Japanese owners of the South Manchurian railway has been killed. All the Chinese factions have protested against it, and the disapproval of the United States was considered certain. Under the American notes of May, 1915, Japan is required to obtain American approval of any Manchurian loan to which the Chinese have not consented. The Japanese are greatly disappointed by this failure.

In spite of the reduction of the tuberculosis death rate, it is still the greatest cause of death to the wage-earner, amounting to 44 years. Buy Christmas seals. Save lives.

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Midget Couple Seek Divorce



The Matins, twenty-two years old, and his miniature wife Margaret, twenty-five years old, who are believed to be the first midgets to enter court action for divorce, filed suit in Jacksonville, Fla., asking for a separation from his wife, saying they were not used at each other, only they couldn't get along.

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